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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003, Applicant hereby requests Reconsideration of the claims as amended below. Claims 13-20 have been amended And claims 12--28 have been added.

1. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture comprising: forming a temporary support structure; supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure; molding said fabric element in a desired configuration; applying a decorative resin to said fabric element; allowing said decorative resin to dry and harden; and sanding said decorative resin.
2. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.
3. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a relatively non-adhesive material over said temporary support structure.
4. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric structure, as recited in claim 2, wherein said temporary support structure is removed from said rigid fabric structure after said decorative resin has hardened
5. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as cited in claim 1, further comprising the step of applying a second coat of decorative resin.
6. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 5, further comprising the step of fine sanding said second coat of decorative resin.
7. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of a polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.
8. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, comprising: forming a temporary support structure; supporting at least one fabric element on said temporary support structure; molding said fabric element in a desired configuration; applying a decorative resin to an outer surface of said fabric element; allowing said decorative resin to dry and harden; removing said temporary support structure; applying said decorative resin to an inner surface of said fabric element; and sanding said decorative resin.

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9. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of applying a relatively non-adhesive material over said temporary support structure.
10. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 8, further comprising the step of applying a second coat of decorative resin.
11. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as cited in claim 10, further comprising the step of fine sanding said second coat of decorative resin.
12. (withdrawn) A method of making a rigid fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of applying polyurethane coating over said decorative resin.
13. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture comprising or an article of recycled clothing impregnated with a decorative epoxy resin.
14. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said decorative resin is substantially clear.
15. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said article of recycled clothing impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin has a substantially glossy appearance.
16. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 13, wherein said sculpture has a substantially hollow interior.
17. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, comprising a three-dimensional fabric element impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin and having a sanded surface.
18. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 17, wherein said three-dimensional fabric element comprises an article of clothing.
19. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 18, wherein said article of clothing is recycled from used clothing.
20. (currently amended) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, as recited in claim 17, wherein said three-dimensional fabric element has a substantially hollow interior.
21. (new) A rigid and waterproof fabric sculpture, comprising a three-dimensional fabric element impregnated with an epoxy decorative resin and having a layer of polyurethane adjacent to the epoxy decorative resin.